One Times The Dispotch

DAILY-WEEKLY-SUNDAY.

vice in R hmond (and suburbs), Manches-ter and Petersburg-

Va., as record-class matter under act of Corgress of March 3, 1879.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1908.

The Times-Dispatch has, so far, rence, entitled to entire suspension of judg-

over perfect, could have been successtimony speaks for itself. But it is im- Magistrate.

possible to say that the process known "Inspection" was a mere legal fiction, and dismiss this phase of the

ill-starred work was begun. Prime indefinitely fixed, and responsibility of bers stand grave problems of govern sort certainly goes beyond two

mit this year the delivery to charitable institutions of letters addressed to Eanta Claus. On the contrary, he has directed that all such mail be handled under the postal rules regulating letters. under the postal rules regulating letters which bear "fictitious addresses," scribe. There are some 50,000 of these letters

writes that name upon an envelope properties that rather upon an envelope the properties a very definite addressee, and fication for referring to Santa Claus hopes, sometimes against hope, that it mover facendlarizes barns, but he frequently, sets fire to his whiskers and burns down the house. hopes, sometimes against hope, that it will be delivered to a very definite and annthropomorphic being. That there is a Santa Claus has been proven name veen Mr. Meyer, hardened rationalist that he is, will certainly concede that. The spirit of giving is alive in every home just now, and in many of them there are the means and the willingness to make the spirit blossom abundantly in households less fortunate. Thus there is an actuality of Santa Claus has been proven there is an actuality of Santa Claus has been proven many times beyond controversion, and even Mr. Meyer, hardened rationalist that he is, will certainly concede that.

Every time the upper chamber in congress thinks of the President's annual message, it experiences the greatest difficulty in keeping a tight grip on its senatorial courtesy.

The Spirit of giving is alive in every home just now, and in many of them there are the means and the willingness to make the spirit blossom abundantly in households less fortunate. Thus all to taste remarkably like nutmegs, and a genuine supply, as well as the and a genuine supply, as well as the fernand for him symbolized by the people little letters in the dead letter office. It ought to be somebody's busoffice. It ought to be somebody's buslness to bring this demand and this that this is not a constitutionally pre-

"Santa Claus" is anything but a fie-titlous address. The trouble with it, from a strictly bosiness or letter-carscribed function of government. rier's point of view, is that it is far Then we suppose a nature faker is to general. Since there are at least a faunal unnaturalist, isn't he, Mr. 10,000,000 Banta Clauses in this country, President?

is not to know which of them is entitled to open the old wentleman's

THE PRESIDENT'S FRAME OF MIND By Times-Dispatch Carrier Delivery Ser- for criminal libel, the threats to "ex

SUPERVISION THAT DID NOT SUHiberate invention, however, would be hardly long significant than the

the government. fully manifest. And it may be added that it is acubtful if any plans, howthree weeks old, was undoubtedly fully executed under such a system shaken out by the present critical atnspection and superintendence as titude toward the personal demeaner of Mr. Roosevelt. It is peculiarly unfortunate that the gests a flood of anecdote beginning supervisors of the flume work on March 5th next. The second little families of those primarily responsible rather dangerous method of "rebuking The Ladies" Way, for it. No comment is necessary upon the courts." Both of them indicate a salaries from the city. Their tes- more or less unfortunate in a Chief

The progress of free institutions was signally marked by the opening of the experience whatever in reinforced con- stitution of 1876, not even Russia has

law-making body remains to be seen dividual responsibility may never be Moreover, before these untried cham bers stand grave problems of governfor three individuals. We venture to
say that the deeper effect of the disheartening story told on the stand the
other night will be to inspire thoughtful citizens with a profound distrust of
the form and system of city government under which such things could
have taken place.

THE "FICTITIOUSNESS" OF SANTA
CLAUS.

For reasons that he deems sufficient
Postmaster-General Meyer will not permit this year the delivery to charitable
institutions of letters addressed to
Santa Claus. On the contrary, he has
directed that all such mail he handled

Rev. Dr. Long as Congress may pre-

A Washington State man married a

Run over your old rebukes this even-Supply together, but it is true enough ing and see if you have any that might

Borrowed Jingles

SONNETS ON A CHRISTMAS GIFT. To be or not to be? What shall I do? Shall I buy Jones a Christmas gift this yor? Of course I am unwilling to appear Stingy, and he's a friend both tried and

Stingy, and he's a friend both tried and true.

I am not one of those close persons who Hang on to every cent, and yet I fear. That I may find his friendship all too dear.

That later my extravagance l'il rue,
I think this Christians giving is a bore—
An imposition. Why should I expend
Five dollars, or it may be even more?
They always some to more than I intend.

min.

If he came up with semething rather nice
I might be willing semething nice to buy,
But I can't think of any smart device.
To find that out, and that's the reason
why
I sort of hesitate about the price.
I think I'll compromise upon a tie,
—Chiengo News.

MERELY JOKING.

Might Come in Handy. Blufften: "I said something to my wife last week that offended her and she hasn't

"Did your ancestors have a family tree, Mr. Maguire?"
"Family tree, it is, ma'am? One of me ancestors controlled th' intire privilege of the Garden of Eden."—Tit-Dir. Everything ripens quickly in a heat

"Everything ripens quickly in a heated atmosphere."
"Including love, I presume. I notice an atthor usually has bis here and heroine spend a good deal of time in the conser-vatory."—Washington Herald: he thinks they should be decided are

Sorry He Spoke,
"Shop early," advised the husband.
"What with?" inquired the wife.
Then silonce reigned.—Pittsburg Post.

Adjusting the weight so that there wil

THE difference between the quick and the dead is that the quick dodge the autos," says Judge. Exactly. And the difference between this joke and its twin brother appearing in Puck several weeks age is just about nothing.—Washington Herald.

request the Atlanta Constitution

The Kansas City woman who has brough an action for divorce because her husban-does not talk to her might have been hap pier if she lad married a phonograph.— Rochester Democrat and Chronicle.

The city of Niagara Palls is rapidly in creasing in population owing to the rapid

John D. Rockefeller intends to reside at his Pocantico Hills house until after the holidays and then will take his family to Virginia. It was said that Mr. Rockefeller has purchased a house at Hot Springs, near the golf course on which he frequently

every year, and they will all go to the dead letter office.

A Washington State man married a little star-eyed blonde of Virginia after a six-minute courtship. Full of faul's as those Washington fellows are, it must be said for them that they know perfect women when they see them.

The Portland Press has some justi
A Washington State man married a little star-eyed blonde of Virginia after a six-minute courtship. Full of faul's won the \$50 prize offered by the Consum-ters League of New York for the best essay on the league written by an undergraduate, but writes that name upon an envelope.

The Portland Press has some justi-

The Courts of Europe

La Marquise de Fontency

contain Protyman, who might, if he wished, style himself St Ernest George Pretyman, by virtue of his descent from the Bishop Baronet shove men for the most beautiful places in Suffect. He inherited it, along with a large property in Lincolnahire, in State to correct some things in party, many the late Colonel Tomlin, who was a terrilar crant, and whom he scarcely a knew, the colonel being moved to make terrilar crant, and whom he scarcely a more of the relatives who had left him severely alone. Or woll Part is one of the finest sporting proportion the colone being moved to make the first sporting properties above the linest sporting properties. The only one of his relatives who had left him severely alone. Or woll Part is one of the finest sporting properties to the colone between Pitt and his tutor and friend, the Baronet Bishop. It excludes over a base were yet been edited or printed. It was with the materials gathered to the state of the s

wall. In 1776, he was created Viscount of the fact bears of New York for the design of New York for the design of New York for the American Son Forker of Online, has made known that the prise and many students responded, but the presence of Elimand, extremely popular. The Marquis Alexander, Guiceloil, which has just been prompted to the succeed themself at Usashington. A month age it was freely-predicted dial, but the presence of Elimand, extremely a succeed themself at Usashington. A many of the students of the succeed themself at Usashington. A many of the students of the succeed themself at Usashington. A many of the students of the succeed themself at Usashington. A many of the students of the succeed themself at the court of the students of the succeed themself at Usashington. A many of the students of the succeed themself at the succeed th

career of the poet Byron. Late in life, when she had become very fat, she married the French Marquis de Bolssy, who shared her cult for the memory of the bard, and who nied to speak of his wife as "Madame ia Marquise de Bolssy, ma femme, ancienne maitresse de Lord Byron."
(Copyright, 1908, by the Brentwood Company.)

STATE PRESS

In some town near the centre of the State. A number of weaknesses in the election and primary laws of the State are sadly in need of correction, and especial emphasis is being laid upon the opposition to the prepaid politax as a prerequisite to voitage. Another point which, in our mind, needs correction, is that phase of the primary law under which any number of candidates may stand for nomination to one office and the one receiving the greatest number of votes (cent though it may be little more than one third of the total) by declared to the control of t

Voice of the Poplee

Editor of The Times-Dispatch;
Sir.—Please allow me space in your valuable paper for just a few words concerning a matter of great importance to the people in the southwestern section of the city, as well as to a large number in other parts of Richmond.

from one not a Virginian, but, nevertheless, interested in the welfare ofits citizens. It is a generally conceded
fact that tuberculosts is very readily
communicated to susceptible individuals
through the dried dust of the streets,
which is freely laden with the diseaseproducing germ, seeking favorable soil
tor its growth. A trip through lower
Main Street of this city between the
hours of 8 to 9:20 A. M. each business
day of the week will clearly demonstrate the carclessness of the various
slop-keepers with regard to cleaning
of walks in front of their respective
places. It is a common practice to
clean walks at this time with a broom
and without sprinkling with water. It
is necessary that pedestrians walk
through these clouds of dust, inhaling
their material very freely. Cannot this
fact be called to the attention of the
Health Department of the city, and
thus add another ordinance to the
well directed efforts of this department?
Visitor.

OLD SUITS FOR LIBEL.

many hard fights in earlier days, would ore long conquer the adverse conditions which then surrounded him, and add new records of achievement to his already long list. Already these are new proofs of the victorious powers of this man's spirit. Miles of the Pennsylvania Railroad's main line are to be "electrified," and the great manufactures and the thousands of men

New Jersey Court Acknowledges Rein-tive's Cinim to Large Estate.

Wells Russell, of East Orange. He died two years ago, and as no heirs came forward Sheriff Sommer, of Essex county, applied to the courts to have the estate escheated to the State. This was done.

Later five claimants showed up, among them being Mrs. Somerby, Russell's first cousin, and a Mrs. Mary C. Clavin, a former housekeeper, who presented a will in her favor. This was later declared to be a forgery, and

from Mrs. Somerby that she was the iawful heir. It is also said that the reason Russell hal not acknowledged his Newburyport relatives was because they were poor, and he, being rich, did not wish it known that he had relatives living in poverty.—New York

GOLF TRACED TO MOSES' DAY.

That the game of golf is of more ancient origin than generally supposed was made clear Saturday night to the members of the Arsdale Golf Club, who assembled in English's Hall, East Orange, N. J., for their annual dinner. President Angus Sinciair, whose name is evidence enough that he came from the land where golf is next to religion in the hearts of the people, was the man to lay the history of the game before his hearers.

"A few days after the Israelites finished their tollsome tramp over the rocky bed of the Red Sea," said Mr. Sinciair, "Moses and Aaron went out for a friendly game of golf on the sand bunkers along the seashore.

"A fisherman's house happened to the street out the first green. The great law giver was

specimen of which has Just been added to the Jardin des Plantes. The earliest specimen of these gentle creatures was seen in Paris in the reign of Louis XVI. We learn from a Frenchi contemporary that the giraffe was first heard of in 1787, when it was described by a Frenchman named Levalilant, who had journeyed in the lands of the Hottentots and Kaffirs. When the explorer referred to the animals with the long necks he was looked upon as a Munchausen and told that he was such in not the politest language. It was

Modern Progress.
"Think," said the optimist, "of how civilization has progressed since the terrors of the Roman arena."
"Yes," answered Mr. Sirius Barker. "Nowadays when we're looking for thrills we go to a little parade ground and watch some aviator risk his life on short turns."—Washington Star.

True Republican Theory.

The Missourians who are demanding increased protection for their products at Washington on the ground that the State voted for Taft are proceeding in strict accordance with the Republican theory of government.—St. Louis Post. Dispatch.

Salts and Castor

Oil—bad stuff—never cure, only makes bowels move because it irritates and sweats them, like poking finger in your eye. The best Bowel Medicine is Cascarets. Every Salts and Castor Oil user should get a box of CASCARETS and try

them just once. You'll see. 881 Cascarets—10c box—week's treatment. All druggists. Biggest soller in the world—million boxes a menth.